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**Editorial.**

GYNÆCOLOGICAL NURSING.

THE subject of Gynæcological Nursing, which occupied the attention of the Royal British Nurses' Association, last week, is one of very considerable, although, hitherto, much-neglected importance. The three chief points to which we understand Dr. HEYWOOD SMITH directed attention, are well worthy of more extended discussion than, apparently, they received. Should Nurses who desire to undertake this branch of work be trained in, and for it, alone? or should they always have a general training also? is a matter of interest, not only to Nurses, but also to the general public. As we have not a complete report of the paper before us, it is possible that we may repeat or traverse arguments advanced by the lecturer, but we gather that his opinion, endorsed by all who took part in the subsequent discussion, was that there should always be a general training preceding, and additional to the special course. In this we strongly concur, and in a series of articles which we wrote upon this subject—some few months ago—we argued that in all special branches of Nursing this procedure should be invariably adopted. We are well aware, however, that there are two classes of Nurses who disagree with us as to the applicability of the general rule to this particular instance, because we have received communications from such, upon this matter. Some argue that the Nursing of women's diseases

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